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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of :	)	VARIABLE-FORCE BALANCING
	)	DEVICE IN PARTICULAR FOR
Angelo Bettinzoli	)	MOVABLE-AXIS HINGES OF
	)	ELECTRIC HOUSEHOLD
Application No. 10/718,100	)	APPLIANCES AND THE LIKE
	)	
Filing Date: November 20, 2003	)	Confirmation No. 9896
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	)	Examiner: Sy, Mariano Ong
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	)	Group Art Unit: 3683

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop: Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action mailed February 14, 2005 noting the shortened statutory term for response of May 14, 2005. The fully extended date for response is the mailing date of this paper, Monday, August 15, 2005 noting that the 14<sup>th</sup> of August fell on a Sunday.

Attached herewith in duplicate is a three-month extension of term for response accompanied by a check in the amount of \$1,020.00 covering the cost of the extension. In the event any further fees are deemed necessary to be paid, the Commissioner is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 19-1351.

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amended claims** begin at page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**In the Specification**, a replacement Abstract is provided in view of the objections set forth in paragraph 2 of the Action.